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The Originality of Medieval Arab Science Is the Focus of March Conference

The Near East Section, African and Middle Eastern Division, has organized a conference, "Innovation and Tradition in Arabic Sciences," with a focus on the degree to which medieval Arabic scientific thinkers expanded knowledge in new directions, and the relationship of their work to that of the Greeks.

The Arabic words "innovation and tradition" (al-tajdid wa-al-taqlid) *that form part of the calligraphic logo for the March conference*

The topics and their presenters include: "George Sarton: The Past and Future in the History of Arabic Sciences"—John E. Murdoch, Harvard University ☐ "Tradition and Innovation in Arabic Optics"—A. I. Sabra, Harvard University ☐ "Innovations in Arabic Technology"—Ahman Y. al-Hassan, former director of the Institute for the History of Arabic Sciences, University of Aleppo, Syria ☐ "The Theory of Cubic Equation in Arabic Mathematics"—Roshdi Rashed, Centre national de recherche scientifique, Paris ☐ "The role of the Astronomical Commentators in Arabic"—George Saliba, Columbia University ☐ "The Sacred Direction in Islam (*qibla*): Religious Tradition and Scientific Innovation"—David King, New York University ☐ "The Transformation of Greek Mathematical

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Funded by the League of Arab States, the conference will be held on March 14 (2–4:30 p.m.) and March 15 (8:45 a.m.–5 p.m.) in the Mumford Room of the Madison Building. For further information, contact George Atiyeh, Head, Near East Section, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540; or telephone (202) 287-5407.

Dollar Prices for U.K. Periodicals, Unadjusted for Currency Shifts, Cause Concern to Library Committee

The problem of dual pricing of British periodicals was the major concern of the Bookdealer-Library Relations Committee of the American Library Association at its meeting on January 8. Judy Webster, University of Tennessee, chair of the committee, reported that at the committee's closed meeting on January 6, two British publishers met with it to exchange ideas and make suggestions on how to correct this problem.

A resolution presented to the Resources and Technical Services Division Board at the last annual meeting of the American Library Association (ALA), passed on June 26, 1984, identified the problem—"librarians subscribing to some British periodicals are required to pay a U.S. subscription price which is significantly higher than the subscription rate charged to libraries within the United Kingdom as well as other overseas libraries." Mr. Robert Wedgeworth, executive director of ALA, was to report to the RTSD Board at their executive session on January 7, on the actions he took as a result of this resolution. The Association of Research Libraries Directors are also discussing this problem and will recommend some action at their spring meeting.

Judy Webster reported that British publishers are aware of the situtation and regret the problems that are resulting. They are discussing steps to take but claim they cannot make any immediate change because of the long range planning that goes into their decisions. Any abrupt changes would affect the economic well-being of their companies, they say. The committee plans to continue communicating with publishers and monitoring costs of periodical publications over the next few years.

Charles Hamaker announced the appearance of an article he wrote on recent British pricing patterns in *Library Acquisitions, Practice and Theory* (LAPT), Vol. 8, No. 4. Patricia Donley, a U.S. representative of Taylor Francis, Inc., reported on the need for input from many sources to bring this problem to the forefront. There had not been a substantial number of cancellations as a result of a letter sent by a subscription vendor last fall to subscribers of their publications, she observed.

The problem is due to be discussed at the meeting of the U.K. Serials group next month. British subscription vendors are said to have expressed their concern and claim to be taking steps to resolve the problem.

Library Redisplays Contents of Lincoln's Pockets from Night of His Assassination

An exhibition of the contents of Abraham Lincoln's pockets on the night he was assassinated is now on display in the Library of Congress' Great Hall, second floor, Thomas Jefferson Building. Part of the collections of the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division, these relics of the 16th President of the United States will be on view throughout this spring to commemorate his birthday on February 12.

On the evening of April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln, his wife, and two friends attended Ford's Theater in W..shington, D.C., to enjoy Tom Taylor's play, *Our American Cousin.* During the course of the play the President was shot at point-blank range by Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth. Taken to a small house across the street from the theater, President Lincoln died at about 7 o'clock the following morning. In addition to Lincoln's wife and son, there were five doctors in attendance at the President's deathbed, including the Lincoln family doctor.

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STAFF NEWS

Robert E. McCollum Retires

Robert E. McCollum, section head of the Physical Sciences Section in the Subject Cataloging Division, retired from the Library of Congress on January 9 with more than 35 years of Federal service. Mr. McCollum received a bachelor of arts degree in modern languages and in education from the University of Oklahoma in 1949. In 1952, he was granted the Diplôme d'études russes by the University of Lille, France.

In June of 1952, Mr. McCollum accepted an appointment at the Library of Congress in the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions Section where he served for seven years as a subject cataloger/translator. He worked in the Air Information Division and in the Science and Technology Division between 1959 and 1962.

Mr. McCollum transferred to the Subject Cataloging Division as a senior subject cataloger in September 1962. In 1971, he was appointed to the position that he held at the time of his retirement. In addition to his regular duties, he served as acting section head of the Life Sciences Section from November 1982 to July 1983.

Immediately upon retirement, Mr. McCollum left for Florida where he has accepted a position as a professional golf tournament rules official.

Orlanda Hedgepeth Receives 25-Year Federal Service Pin

Orlanda Hedgepeth, head of the Sorting Unit in the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service pin on December 19 by Assistant Librarian for Processing Services Henriette D. Avram. Other staff members attending the ceremony included Donald Panzera, assistant executive officer of Processing Services; Kimberly W. Dobbs, chief of the Serial Record Division; Dorothy J. Glasby, assistant chief of the Serial Record Division; Suanne Z. Thamm, section head of Processing and Reference; Bridgetta C. Jenkins, assistant section head of Processing and Reference; and Processing and Reference unit heads David Marshall, Charles Taylor, and Dorothy Dickerson.

Mr. Hedgepeth began his career with the Library of Congress in October 1959 as a laborer in the Administrative Department. From March 1960 through July 1970, he earned promotions to deck attendant and deck supervisor in the Serial Division. In August 1970, he joined the staff of the Serial Record Division as a library technician in the Sorting Unit of the Processing and Reference Section. In December 1984, he was promoted to the position of unit head.

Henriette Avram, Orlanda Hedgepeth, and Kimberly Dobbs

In 1981 and 1983, Mr. Hedgepeth received meritorious service awards. These were presented to him in recognition of his ability, energy, and personal contributions to keeping current the extremely heavy serial receipts within the Sorting Unit. During these particular years, serial receipts topped one million pieces per year.

John J. McDonough, Jr., Is Awarded 25-Year Federal Service Pin

John J. McDonough, Jr., manuscript historian in the Manuscript Division, was presented a Federal Service Award pin on January 18 in recognition of 25 years of service. Assistant Librarian for Research Services John C. Broderick presented the pin to Mr. McDonough.

Mr. McDonough was appointed as archivist in the Manuscript Division in August 1961. He received a promotion to assistant head of the division's Preparation Section in June 1962 and was promoted to the position of 19th-century manuscript historian in October of that year. In March 1969, he received a quality increase for his exceptionally high quality work, his adaptability and versatility, and his excellent representation of the Library among professional associates.

Pictured (left to right) are Mr. McDonough, Mr. Broderick, and John Knowlton, head of the Preparation Section and technical officer in the Manuscript Division. Mr. Knowlton was presented his 25-year Federal Service pin on January 4 (see LCIB, February 4).

Mr. McDonough is the compiler of *Members of Congress: A Checklist of Their Papers in the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress,* published by the Library in 1980. He has contributed three articles to *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress:* "Manuscript Resources for the Study of Negro Life and History"; "Lincoln, Welles, and the Public Service"; and "John Silva Meehan: A Gentleman of Amiable Manners." For many years Mr. McDonough has also been a contributor to the Manuscript Division's annual article on acquisitions, formerly appearing in the Library's *Quarterly Journal,* and, since 1981, published in a new series entitled *Library of Congress Acquisitions.* Mr. McDonough also wrote the essays on the provenance of the Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk papers, which introduce the published indexes to those collections. At the present time, he is preparing a bibliographical study on whaling manuscripts. Privately, he is serving as co-editor, with Donald B. Cole of Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., of the journals of Benjamin Brown French (1800–1870), a longtime resident of the District of Columbia, Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Commissioner of Public Buildings under Presidents Franklin Pierce, Abraham Lincoln, and Andrew Johnson. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has made a grant to Exeter Academy in support of this work.

A native of New Hampshire, Mr. McDonough received a bachelor of science degree in 1950 from Boston College and a master of arts degree in 1953 from Georgetown University, where he also pursued doctoral studies. Before coming to the Library of Congress, he was a research analyst for eight years with Georgetown University. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Mr. McDonough's period of service in the Manuscript Division is exceeded by that of only one other present-day staff member, Joseph Sullivan (see LCIB, January 7).

Edith Belmear Receives 20-Year Pin

Edith Belmear, a cataloger in the English Language Serials Cataloging Section of the Serial Record Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on December 17 by KimberlyDobbs, chief of the Serial Record Division. Dorothy Glasby, assistant chief of the Serial Record Division, and Maureen Landry, assistant head of the English Language Serials Cataloging Section, also attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Belmear began her Federal service career as assistant supervisor of circulation at the Georgetown Public Library. In February 1966, she moved to the Hispanic Foundation at the Library of Congress and later spent more than a year in the Regional Library for the Blind. For several months she worked in the Corrections Unit of the Catalog Management Division. From November 1967 to April 1969, she was a library technician in the Italian Section of the Shared Cataloging Division. She then served as a MARC editor in the MARC Editorial Division for a period of about three years until she accepted her present position in the Serial Record Division in September 1972.

Mrs. Belmear's other activities include serving as the chair of the Processing Department's Human Relations Committee from 1971 until 1975. During that same time, she was the vice-chairperson of the Librarian's Human Relations Council.

Jennie Morrison Earns 20-Year Pin

On December 5, Jennie Morrison, a library assistant in the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service pin by Kimberly W. Dobbs, chief of the Serial Record Division. Other staff members attending the ceremony included Dorothy J. Glasby, assistant chief of the Serial Record Division; Linda K. Bartley, CONSER Operations coordinator; Suanne Z. Thamm, section head of the Processing and Reference Section; and Processing and Reference unit heads Charles Taylor and Dorothy Dickerson.

Ms. Morrison began her career with the Library of Congress in November 1964 with an appointment in

the Catalog Maintenance Division. In 1965, she joined the staff of the Serial Record Division. During the following years, she earned promotions to positions in the Maintenance, Accessioning, Editorial and Reference, and Search and Visible File Cataloging Units.

In recognition of her participation in projects to reduce searching arrearages and the relocation and expansion of the Serial Record file, Ms. Morrison received meritorious service awards in 1967, 1980, and 1984.

Latest Savings Bonds Interest Rate Announced

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury report to the Library, the latest U.S. Savings Bonds interest rate for November 1984 through April 1985 is set at 10.94 percent. Staff members will receive additional information on the benefits of savings bonds during the Library's Savings Bonds Campaign scheduled for spring 1985. Additional information and assistance can be obtained by contacting the Staff Relations Office, ext. 76361.

Staff Training and Development Office Offers Professional Development Series Courses

The Staff Training and Development Office's Professional Development Series continues to offer special independent study programs for staff members whose scheduled commitments do not allow them to attend regular courses. Staff members wishing to participate in the program should contact program coordinator Olga Padilla or Betsy McRae, ext. 76348, for registration information. The Standard Form 182 is not required. Courses which will be offered in the near future are:

Course Title	*Dates*	*Sign Up Deadline*
Management of Conflict	3/25–4/4	3/4
Gellerman Effective Supervision Series	4/22–5/3	4/1
How to Improve Writing Skills	5/27–6/7	4/15
How to Interview Effectively	7/15–26	6/24

Staff Activities

James P. Riley participated in the recent Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference on Accreditation held in Chicago. The 26 delegates reached a unanimous agreement regarding the need for joint effort in the field of accreditation of schools of library and information science. Mr. Riley is executive director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC). Sponsored by the H.W. Wilson Foundation, the conference was called to consider the scope, structure, and finance of accreditation in library and information science. Delegates from 17 professional societies and agencies attended.

"Keeping Track of Culture: Grassroots Conservation" by American Folklife Center director **Alan Jabbour** appears in the recent publication *Passing Time and Traditions: Contemporary Iowa Folk Artists,* published for the Iowa Arts Council by the Iowa State University Press in Ames. Edited by Steven Ohrn, the book contains 16 essays on themes related to Iowa's folk artistry.

Sarah Pritchard, reference specialist in women's studies in the General Reading Rooms Division, is the editor of *The Women's Annual: 1983–1984,* published by G.K. Hall & Co., Boston. The fourth in a series, this edition contains 10 chapters surveying the literature and events across a wide range of topics related to women's issues and feminist scholarship. Ms. Pritchard commissioned and edited the essays and bibliographies and prepared an introduction and annotated appendix.

Chi Wang, head of the Chinese and Korean Section in the Asian Division, presented a paper on "Chinese Rare Books in Beijing, Hong Kong, and the Library of Congress" at a symposium on Chinese books and printing sponsored by the School of Chinese Studies and the China House Gallery, in conjunction with the China Institute in America, held in New York City on November 2. Others participating in the program included Wan-go Weng, president of the China Institute in America; Tsuen-hsuin Tsien, former curator of the Far Eastern Library at the University of Chicago; Fang Chao-ying, professor at Columbia University; Wang Fang-yu, professor at Seton Hall University; and J. Soren Edgren, noted antiquarian and Chinese book specialist.

Mr. Wang is also author of the article, "An Overview of Libraries in the People's Republic of China," which appears in the September issue of *China Exchange News,* published by the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, National Academy of Sciences. This issue features the topic: "Focus on Library and Archival Research."

Deputy Librarian **William J. Welsh** is the author of "The Library of Congress: A More-Than-Equal

Partner," which appears in *Library Resources & Technical Services,* January/March, 1985. The article discusses the Library's past, present, and future activities in cooperative preservation microfilming activities.

Mi Chu Wiens, area specialist in the Chinese and Korean Section of the Asian Division, presented a paper at the 26th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies held in Wilmington, Del., on November 3. Her paper, "Kinship Organization and Tenant-servants in Huichou during the Ming-Ch'ing Period," was read in a panel on "Issues in Chinese Economic History," chaired by John Fei, professor at Yale University.

Ms. Wiens also presented a paper at the 13th Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies held at Princeton University, November 10. Her paper, entitled "Chinese Works on *Materia Medica* in the Library of Congress," was one of the presentations given by a panel on archival and library resources on Asia in the Mid-Atlantic states region.

Peter R. Young, assistant chief of the MARC Editorial Division, spoke at a "Technology Fair: Review of the Latest Developments" held December 5–6 in Baltimore, Md. The workshop was sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, School Media Services Branch and Network Services. Entitled "Managing Library Technology: Historical Lessons for Future Decision Making," Mr. Young's address provided a historical overview of library automation, a review of current technology decisions facing library managers, and an analysis of future library technological developments.

Staff Carpool Locator

Barbara Christy of the Geography and Map Division, ext. 78515, is seeking additional riders/drivers for a carpool coming from the Rolling Rd., Burke, Annandale, Va., area. Members are currently on compflex schedule D, from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lea A. Coryell of the Preservation Binding Office, ext. 75625, wishes to join a carpool coming from the Herndon/Reston, Va., area. He prefers to be on compflex schedule C, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but would consider another schedule that suits an existing carpool.

Mandy McGowan of the Office of Automated Information Services, ext. 76447, would like to join a carpool leaving from the Annandale/Kings Park, Va., area. She is on a fixed schedule from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jasmina McNew of the Catalog Management and Publication Division, ext. 71633, is seeking additional riders for an established carpool coming from Bowie, Md. Members are on a flexitime schedule and are willing to adjust their arrival time if necessary.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Patricio Aranda-Coddou, librarian, GS–12, LL AB, 40675; Peter Blood, research analyst, GS–7, FRD, 20641; David Burrelli, foreign affairs analyst, GS–9, CRS F, 40249; Joseph Davisson, facility manager, GS–9, Bldgs, 40728; Catrine Goska, librarian, GS–9, Subj Cat, 40688; Ellen Hoffman, clerk/typist, GS–3, Cop Inf & Ref, 40872; Bernice Mims, communications specialist, GS–9, ASO, 40693; Dominik Nargele, research analyst, GS–12, FRD, 40654; Patricia Perry, personnel staffing specialist, GS–12, R&P, 40803; Keith Sakelhide, technical information specialist, GS–7, CRS A, 40829; Margaret White, clerk, GS–5, CDS, 40746.

Temporary Appointments: Barbara Graham, cooperative education aid, GS–5, Inf, NP; Anita Hibler, exhibit development specialist, GS–9, Exh, NP; Cheryl Malloy, file clerk, GS–3, Cop Acq & Proc, 40781; Wanda Swann, librarian, GS–9, LL AB, NP.

Reappointments: Susan Wolfe, librarian, GS–12, LL, 40606; Wayne Wright, computer systems analyst, GS–12, ASO, 40681.

Promotions: Melissa Dadant, to supervisory copyright examiner, GS–13, Cop Exam, 40949; Winnifred Henderson, Cop Acq & Proc, to computer operator, GS–5, CRS A, 40834; Mandy McGowan, Desc Cat, to computer specialist, GS–7, CRS AIS, 40733; Ralph Weddington, to supervisory librarian, GS–12, CMP, 40716.

Transfers: Delores Clipper, ASO, to computer technician, GS–7, Eng Plan, 40835; Jo Anne O'Bryant, CRS EPW, to computer operator, GS–5, CRS A, 40834.

Resignations: Joan Hartman, CRS ENR; Paula Jewell, NLS/BPH; Valeria Lyons, Cop Inf & Ref; David Price, Cop Inf & Ref; Gloria Seiger, CRS EPW; Michael Turner, Subj Cat; Linda Yates, Cop Inf & Ref.

The items that were in the President's pockets were given to the Library in 1937 along with other Lincolniana donated by Mrs. Charles Isham, the daughter of Lincoln's son, Robert Todd. The box containing the objects remained in the Librarian's Office in the Jefferson Building until 1976. At a press conference on February 12 of that year, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin opened the box, explaining that its holdings should be shown to the public to humanize the man who is "mythologically engulfed."

The items consist of one pair of gold-rimmed spectacles with sliding temples and with one of the bows mended with string; one pair of folding spectacles in a silver case; an ivory pocket knife with silver mounting; a watch fob of gold-bearing quartz, mounted in gold; an oversize white Irish linen handkerchief with "A. Lincoln" embroidered in red cross-stitch; a sleeve button with a gold initial "L" on dark blue enamel; and a brown leather wallet, including a pencil, lined in purple silk with compartments for notes, U.S. currency, and railroad tickets. The wallet held a Confederate five-dollar bill and nine newspaper clippings.

The newspaper clippings were from papers printed immediately before Lincoln's death, containing complimentary remarks about him written during his campaign for reelection to the Presidency. The Confederate five-dollar bill may have been acquired as a souvenir when Lincoln visited Petersburg and Richmond earlier in the month. He returned from that trip, made at General Grant's request, on April 9 to a Washington of crowds and bonfires celebrating Lee's surrender.

Two Court Decisions Reported

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit recently remanded two cases involving the Library of Congress to the District Court for further findings essentially on First Amendment issues. The Library had won both cases in the lower court previously, and synopses of the cases were published in the LC *Information Bulletin* at those times. See *Clark* v. *Boorstin,* LC *Information Bulletin* of April 18, 1983, and *EELC* v. *Boorstin,* LC *Information Bulletin* of January 30, 1984.

In *Clark,* the first case, the Library had received from the FBI information that a staff member in a nonsensitive position was a member of an allegedly subversive organization. The FBI asked if the Library wished the matter to be investigated. The Library, in order to determine the staff member's continuing suitability for employment, requested the investigation. The ensuing investigation took place both on Library premises and elsewhere. As a result, the Library determined that the staff member was suitable for further employment. Some years later, the staff member, who had resigned, learned of the nature of the investigation and sued the Library for allegedly violating his First Amendment rights to association and privacy. He also claimed that he had failed to be promoted because he had been tarnished by the investigation. The District Court ruled that the Library's action was permissible under the First Amendment and that the staff member had failed to make out a *prima facie* case of discrimination on his promotion claim.

The Court of Appeals remanded the case to the District Court because it believed that the scope of the investigation may have been more intrusive than necessary, given the nature of the staff member's position and the type of information received. On remand, the Library will be afforded an opportunity to offer additional evidence to establish permissible grounds for initiating the investigation. It also remanded the case to the District Court, for it to use the correct legal standard in regard to the plaintiff's promotion issue. (*Clark* v. *Boorstin,* No. 83-1510, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, December 11, 1984.)

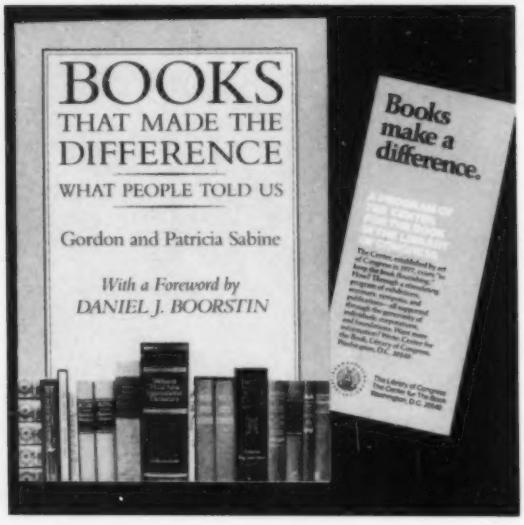
In *EELC,* the second case, the Ethnic Employees of the Library of Congress (EELC) had sued the Library under both the First Amendment and Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act because, they alleged, the Library had harassed and later refused to recertify the organization as a recognized employee organization under LCR 2022-2 because it had exercised those rights. The District Court ruled that the constitutional claims had been litigated previously or were subsumed under another case brought against the Library earlier and were therefore barred. It also stated that Title VII bars constitutional claims. In regard to the Title VII claims, the Court stated that the harassment charges had never been filed administratively and were barred and the EELC had not made out a *prima facie* case of discrimination.

The Court of Appeals was of the opinion that the earlier case was not brought by EELC itself and so the constitutional claims regarding harassment were not barred by the applicable legal doctrine. Further, the Court stated that some constitutional claims can be distinctly separate from Title VII claims and can be litigated along with the latter. It upheld the dismissal of the Title VII claims of harassment, however, because EELC had not first proceeded administratively. It remanded the case to the District Court for consideration of the constitutional claims.

In regard to the recertification issue, the court again remanded the case for the constitutional claims, and for the District Court to apply a corrected legal standard on the Title VII claim. (*EELC* v. *Boorstin,* Nos. 84-5092 and 84-5093, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, January 11, 1985.)

Book-of-the-Month Club Distributes Abridged Version of *Books That Made the Difference*

The Book-of-the-Month Club selected a volume based on a Center for the Book project for sending free in a shortened version to its members who purchased books in December. The abridged 128-page paperbound version of *Books That Made the Difference,* by Gordon and Patricia Sabine, has a new foreword by



Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, describing the Center for the Book and its reading promotion projects.

The book's contents—the answers a wide range of people gave to the questions "What book made the greatest difference in your life?" and "What difference did it make?"—show us "the wonderfully varied power of books," Dr. Boorstin explains. They also "remind us of some neglected classics and other works that we may want to take into our own lives."

The cover of the Book-of-the-Month Club edition is illustrated with some of the books "that made the difference" to the 200 readers cited in the volume. The unabridged, Shoe String Press edition, which also describes how "libraries and their allies" can carry out their own "books make a difference" project, is available for $13.50 (paper) and $18.50 (cloth) from the Shoe String Press, Hamden, Conn. 06514.

Lydian String Quartet Presents Newly Commissioned Work, Other Pieces

The Lydian String Quartet, winner of the 1984 Naumburg Chamber Music Award, will present a program in the Coolidge Auditorium on March 2 which will include the Washington premiere of a new string quartet by composer Lee Hyla, commissioned by the Naumburg Foundation. The performance, part of the Saturday Series, also features Alban Berg's Quartet, Op. 3, and Ludwig van Beethoven's Quartet in F major, Op. 59, No. 1. Since its formation in 1980, the Lydian String Quartet has established an international reputation in this country and abroad. Before winning the Naumburg award, its artists won some five prizes in competitions at Evian and Banff, including two awards for its performances of contemporary music. Essential to the spirit of the Quartet is its commissioning and performing of works by contemporary composers, together with its presentation of older established chamber music masterpieces. The members of the Quartet are violinists Wilma Smith and Judith Eissenberg; violist Mary Ruth Ray; and cellist Rhonda Rider. They are artists-in-residence at Brandeis University.

The concert on March 2, which begins at 5:30 p.m., has been sponsored by the Da Capo Fund in the Library of Congress, with the generous support of Mrs. Julian Berla.

For ticket information, call the Music Division, (202) 287-5502, after 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning, February 25.

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